(f) the approximate or probable date before which they would be in a position to supply this crying need for good drinking water in Mattancheri?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) 23rd December 1926.

(b) and (c). Designs of the pipe lines are being made, and quotations for materials are being received.

(d) The scheme would at present consist of transporting water to Mattancheri where it will be pumped up into an elevated reservoir and distributed by means of pipe lines.

(e) The question is not intelligible.

(f) By April or May 1927, subject to the condition of the pipes and machinery market.

The Leper Asylum.

275. Mr. A. B. Salem.—Will the Government be pleased to state .—

(a) the present condition of the Anappara Leper Asylum building and premises ;

(b) the amount of money spent in 1101 for the maintenance and upkeep of the same for the 'Sankariah Home';

(c) the total amount of money now in deposit in the National Bank of India, Ltd., on account of subscription collected for the ' Sankariah Home ';

(d) whether they have any scheme this year to build a similar 'Home' anywhere, and, if so, the amount of money budgetted for the same ;

(e) whether the Government have examined the question of the suitability of the site and the nature of the objections advanced to locate the Asylum at Anappara in the light of the answers to interpellations in this House and, if so, whether they will be pleased to place on the table the conclusion they have arrived at in the matter ;

(f) what objections they have to have the whole question of locating the Asylum at Anappara examined by any well-known expert in leprosy ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) Fair.

(b) A sum of Rs. 120 was paid as pay of the watchman.

(c) Rs. 12,647—7—0.

(d) There is no scheme for building a Home this year.

(e) No. The question of locating the Asylum at Anappara has finally been abandoned.

(f) Vide answer given to question 168 (c) of the legislative session of 1101.

276. Mr. A. B. Salem.— Will the Government be pleased to state.—

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(a) the present condition of the Vendurutti Leper Asylum;

(b) the names of the honorary visitors and the number of visits paid by them to the Asylum in 1101 and in Chingam, Kanni and Tulam 1102;

(c) whether they will be pleased to place a report on its working in 1101 on the table;

(d) will they also be pleased to state the progress made in the Adur Leper Asylum?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) Vide answer to question 106 (i) of the legislative session of 1101. The condition of the buildings continues the same. Additional accommodation for 14 patients has since been provided by the extension of two of the temporary sheds.

(b) Vide answer to question 106 (vi) of the legislative session of 1101. The honorary visitors have not visited the Asylum during the period.

(c) An extract from *the Annual Report of the Medical Department for 1101* is appended. (*Vide Appendix I.*)

(d) Arrangements are being made to open a road to the site and for constructing wells and an inspection shed.

The Police Sub-Inspector who was stabbed.

277. Mr. A. B. Salem.—Will the Government be be pleased to state.—

(a) whether they are aware that a Sub-Inspector attached to the Mattancheri Police Station was stabbed by a person;

(b) if so, will they be further pleased to state the name of the Hospital in which he had to be accommodated and attended to before removal to the Ernakulam General Hospital?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—(a) Yes.

(b) The Women and Children's Hospital, Mattancheri.

APPENDIX I.

(*Vide Answer to Question No. 276.*)

Extract from the Annual Report for the year 1101.

Leper Asylum.

The number of beds available was 100—80 males and 20 females. At the beginning of the year there were 125 patients—96 men, 27 women and 2 children; and the new admissions were 80 against 119 in 1100. Of these 205 patients, 41 were discharged relieved, 17 absconded, 24 died and 123 remained under treatment. The percentage of death to the number treated was 11·7 against 10·79 in 1100. Chaulmugra oil was the chief remedy adopted, and the results were beneficial to a slight degree. Injection treatment which to the outstanding result of recent researches in the treatment of leprosy could not be satisfactorily carried out for want of a whole-time Medical Officer for this institution. The proposed new Asylum will be a haven of relief for these unfortunate victims. Other symptoms were treated according to conditions present. The total cost of maintenance was Rs. 14,247—2—2 against Rs. 15,000 in 1100.

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